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The Dorsey Trailer Company officially announces purchase of old Dorsey Trailers, Inc.

The Dorsey Trailer Company (Dorsey) announced today that the Company has acquired the manufacturing assets of the old Dorsey Trailers, Inc. in a cash transaction. Dorsey will be headquartered on a 77-acre site located in the town of Elba, Alabama. Dorsey intends to rapidly assemble

an international dealer network and begin production in the next thirty days.

The following individuals have been named officers of Dorsey:

Mr. Chriss W. Street; President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Tasha N. Dolan; Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Andrew D. Padilla; Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Laura E. Roan; Director of North American Sales and Marketing

In an interview Mr. Street stated: "Dorsey intends to create one of the most competitive transportation manufacturing companies in North America. We will begin

operations in 500,000 square feet of fully equipped manufacturing space, complemented by a strong management team and access to a capable local work

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line of the highest quality truck-trailer equipment and add a powerful commitment to cost management and innovative design". All Inquiries should be directed to Leigh Johnson, Director of Corporate Communications at 334-897-5711.

JULY



ABC agent Jack Farmer escorts accused drug dealer Rob Stinson into the Elba Police station on Monday morning.

ABC agents join Elba police in major drug bust early Monday morning, one arrest made

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Five Elba Police officers and five agents of the Alabama Beverage Control Board made what they described as a major drug raid in Elba early Monday morning.

At 4:45 a.m. the officers awoke the residents of Apartment 85, 710 Simmons St. Elba and executed a search warrant on the residence.

Following the search, the officers arrested 28 year old Robin (Rob) A. Stinson and charged him with Trafficking in Marijuana.

Officers reported they found over 2.2 pounds of marijuana, more than \$4,500 in cash and a large quantity of electronic equipment in the apartment. The electronic equipment included a wide-screen TV, stereo and speak-

ers, police scanner, digital scales and an electronic listening device, complete with dish and earphones. They also confiscated several items of new clothing with tags from a major chain store and in the trash can of the residence they found what appeared to be plastic security tags which had been melted off the clothing. A blue 1989 Cadillac and a softback book entitled "Criminal Law Handbook" with the subtitle of "Know Your Rights. Survive the System" were also seized.

Officers, who described Stinson as unemployed, said he couldn't explain how, nor why, he had that much cash in his home when arrested. Much of the dried marijuana had already been carefully weighed and placed into one ounce zip-lock type bags.



PART OF THE TWO TRUCK LOADS of seized items is shown above with four of the officers who participated in the early morning raid. They are from left: Elba Policeman Robert Fulton holding bags of what was described as marijuana, Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, ABC agent Jack Farmer holding part of the over \$4,500 cash found in the residence and Elba Police investigator Dalton Francis.

Friends of the Library program promotes services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It is a known fact that education has taken a big hit from proration; however, many may not realize that public libraries have also taken a big hit.

"Public libraries are state aid funded through the education budget," said Kay Wilson, librarian at the Elba Public Library. "The 11.2 percent proration that higher education is under affects our budget too."

Also, she said next year's budget will be under 6.2 percent proration; therefore, public libraries need all the help they can get from their supporters.

With that in mind, the board of the Elba Public Library is working to help ensure the continued growth of its library.

The Friends of the Library program is one that has been available to the public for years, but until now it has only been acknowledged by word of mouth.

"This is a good program for people that want to become involved with the library," Wilson said. "Those involved with the Friends of the Library

work in conjunction with the librarian."

Friends of the Library is an effort to bring awareness to the services of the library and to expand the services already offered, according to Jimmy Harrison, a facilitator to bring together interested individuals to establish a dynamic group to ensure the continued growth of the library.

Wilson said the library board is currently working to organize the program so it can be utilized to its best ability.

"Monies raised by Friends of the Library are used in helping the library buy things that I can't necessarily buy with library funds," she said.

Already, Wilson said she knows of several items that would help enhance the Elba Public Library. She said the library needs another computer, a new magazine rack and several other supplies. Also, she said any equipment the library needs must be purchased from funds other than the library funds.

"The money can be used in all sorts of ways," Wilson said. "Some libraries elsewhere

have actually used money raised by their Friends of the Library programs for beautification of the library grounds and renovations."

"Proration has really depleted their (library) funds," said Harrison. "Friends of the Library will work in an effort to build upon the services of the library so it can expand."

Harrison said the objective of the board at this point is to find interested individuals to head up the Friends of the Library program and define exactly what they want the program to do for the Elba Public Library.

He said the people of the program want to know what services there are at the library for senior citizens, school aged children, legal professionals, etc. The whole idea is to know how the library benefits these varying groups of people and expand upon that.

Also, Wilson said Friends of the Library is a good way to get volunteers for the library. She said she and the staff of the library are working right now to network the catalog system at the library, and this is just one of the many ways that volunteers would be a huge benefit to the library as the goal is to continuously improve the services.

"The goal of the board as it relates to the establishment of the program (Friends of the Library) is to ensure the library remains a viable part of our downtown services to encourage citizen and community involvement through programs that can enhance the community," Harrison said.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library program at the Elba Public Library should do so by stopping by the library. There is a small fee to join the program, but a percentage of the money is used to enhance the library by purchasing new equipment as previously mentioned.

Also, donations in memory of a loved one or friend are also welcomed at the Elba Public Library.



Kay Wilson, librarian of the Elba Public Library, encourages anyone wanting to be involved with the Elba Public Library to join the Friends of the Library program. For a small fee, concerned individuals can help the library go a long way.



CONCRETE EVIDENCE...There is no doubt that work continues to progress on the building of the new post office in Elba. Work began on the new facility in February, and in recent weeks, workers have been pouring concrete around the building. Kirkland Construction Company, owned by E.D. Kirkland of Montgomery, is responsible for the building of the new post office. Once complete, Kirkland will own the facility and lease it to the U.S. Postal Service. The facility is approximately 5,000 square feet. Above, concrete is being poured in the area of the side entrance facing The Peoples Bank. The main entrance of the new facility will face Claxton Avenue.

TSU basks in "best value" designation from counselor survey

A nationwide Kaplan/Newsweek survey of high school guidance counselors recommended Troy State University as one of 70 colleges and universities that "offer the best value for your tuition dollar."

The random survey of high

school guidance counselors is published this month in the Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog 2002.

TSU is one of only three Alabama universities ranked in the "best value" category.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.,

Chancellor of the Troy State University System, said the Kaplan ranking proves what many students and alumni already know.

"This recognition captures our primary goal at Troy State University: provide a quality education for a great value," Dr. Hawkins said. "It is gratifying that high school guidance counselors recognize Troy State University for the excellent educational value that it is."

Kaplan, a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company, issues its catalog each year profiling more than 1,000 U.S. universities in several areas, including value, academic excellence and responsiveness to student needs.

In recent years, Troy State University has also received recognition from other publications, including Money magazine's ranking of "Best Buys" among U.S. universities.

Area Happenings

COUNTY GARBAGE PICKUP Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) reminds county residents that due to the Fourth of July holiday, the county garbage pickup for Wednesday, July 4, will be Friday, July 6.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, July 9, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING The planning commission of the town of New Brockton will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, at the town hall for the purpose of reviewing the revised zoning ordinance. All interested persons are asked to attend.

EDITORIAL

Dispelling the Myth: It's the Investment in Justice Act, not the Judges' Pay Raise

Guest Editorial by: Dr. Rich Hobson

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Yesterday, Wednesday, was the 4th of July. It is a bit frightening to realize that we... and that includes this writer... are taking this day of honoring our great freedoms much too lightly. As the years have evolved it becomes more and more just another day off, rather than a time of celebrating the freedoms that so many made the ultimate sacrifice in order that we have the right and/or option to hold such celebrations. Of course that very freedom means a person is free to celebrate the events which gave us this great country, but no one should be made to do so. Still we would sometimes like to shake some sense into Americans who don't seem to appreciate, or care, about why they can do their bellyaching, just get out of their way so they can complain some more - oh, but first give them their government check.

Last Friday Elba Mayor James Grimes sent us off for a talk at Tuskegee Institute dealing with flood preparedness and survival. Most any Elba citizen could have given that bit of survival history - on floods anyway, but that day it felt my lot to make the presentation. Getting to the auditorium, we soon learned that this of Elba was speaking right in between a bunch of PHD types and the question was, "Why me? Lord?" After some further thoughts on the matter we realized they probably wanted a touch of reality mixed in with the storybook theories and thus we were their choice for reality. Having put on a coat and tie before leaving home, we were covered in that department but had to bite our tongue with the urging of one speaker who was worried about the cat and dog victims of disasters. Listening close he wasn't really putting pats about humans, but a casual listener would have probably thought he was doing just that. We discussed the reality of flood survival and rescue with him during the lunch break and felt comfortable that this guy did have a touch of reality about himself and he agreed that humanity would (and should) be first priority. We never did agree that all those pats in a shelter with hundreds of people was exactly the thing to do!

Folks it is good that the schools of the late 40's and the early 50's were geared to us and were not teaching what scientists of today are discovering and/or theorizing. Take for example the universe. We learned about the planets, the sun and the moon and even had to learn them in order and how to spell them. There was also some reference to the Milky Way being made up of more stars than "maybe" some more planets. We studied hard to learn all that. Now we are told there are an untold number of universes with billions of stars. There are black holes, black matter/anti-gravity, or dark energy, (oh, if I could get back some of my early science papers and get the grades corrected because now we are told Mr. Newton didn't have locks on things with his falling apple... even Einstein missed this one), dead stars, stars that exploded millions of years ago, etc. Now the U.S. has launched an unmanned space ship to actually look at the beginning of time! Chew on that one for a while and then explain it to this of grey head... but please talk slowly.

It is hard to believe that the Alabama legislature is actually about to pass a redistricting plan without prodding by the federal courts. Of course there are complaints from the Republican minority in both the House and the Senate that the Democrats are not playing fairly and don't come, very well, the right. However it is like the golden rule... him with the gold gets to rule... so in this case the Democrats are in the majority and as long as they comply with one man, one vote and don't discriminate against any minority race, it is something the disgruntled political party will have to accept. Sure they are promising to file a lawsuit, but frankly we doubt it will get very far in the courts. Now once the legislature is re-aligned, there is still the state school board districts, U.S. House of Representative districts, county commissions and school boards and the cities of this fair state to go through the same procedures. It is going to be a long hot summer in Alabama!

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Contrary to the depiction in the press, the investment in Justice Act is a good law passed in 1999 by the legislature with the governor's approval that provides beneficial services for the citizens of Alabama. The Act actually is an investment in justice that affects several areas.

First, the much reported pay raise for state judges, both trial and appellate. The judges did get a three-part raise, however, it was the first in nine years. Not mentioned is the positive cash flow effect the Act has had on county commissions and equity of judge's pay. Previously, many county commissions added the county supplement, releasing the judges to spend on services for their citizens. Another omitted item is how the pay plan

Jerrice Davis promoted to Assistant Branch Manager by Elba's SouthTrust Bank

South Trust Bank in Elba, Alabama, announced its newest officer, Jerrice Davis. She has been named Assistant Branch Manager, according to Ted Robert, President.



Jerrice is a native of Coffee County and has been serving the financial needs in this area since 1968. Jerrice is married with 2 children and is very active in the New Home Baptist Church.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 25, 2001, through July 1, 2001. They were: Betty Parker, Belinda Nelson, John Danley, Sandra Brundidge, Betty Spurlin, Huey Allen, James Faulk, Shannon Garrett, Susan McHenry, Barbara Holmes, Andrew Hanson and Caitlin Johnson.

Persons discharged during the time period were: Freddy Owens, Deanna Harbuck, Betty Parker, Ida Mae Hooks, Huey Allen, Betty Spurlin, Sandra Brundidge, Shannon Garrett, Belinda Nelson, James Faulk, John Williams, Gladys Dawkins, John Danley, Ericka Odum, Jackie Harbuck, Barbara Holmes, Susan McHenry, Andrew Williams, Tyler Berry, Caitlin Johnson and Andrew Hanson.

TSU announces tuition increase

Troy State University announced today that tuition would increase by six percent for fall semester 2001. The Troy State University Board of Trustees has approved the tuition increase.

The move increases undergraduate tuition for a full-time student from \$1,425 to \$1,510 per semester.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP** - Court House 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday of Noon First Baptist Church, Yellow Hill Hall
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Mondays 5:00 p.m. City Hall
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - 2nd Monday following city council meeting - City Hall
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 176** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri, 8-12 noon & 12:30-2:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-8558
• **COFFEE COUNTRY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
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top 10% in workload (the Court of Criminal Appeals ranks #1). In addition, most of the judges on the appellate bench are relatively new and at the bottom of the pay scale.

Another unreported item concerning the Investment in Justice Act is money collected for indigent defense. Funds available for representing those who cannot afford to hire their own lawyer have increased by over \$6 million per year.

Finally, how the Investment in Justice Act is paid for itself. The enabling mechanism, a \$30.00 court cost assessed since September, 1999, will have overpaid the judges DA's (numbered judges rank 9th in the number of felony cases heard).

Today, America celebrates an all-time high 67 percent in the rate of homeownership is even higher at 75 percent. When a family invests in a home, they are making an investment in their future that not only benefits the community where they live, but of our nation as a whole.



Kelli Smith named Employee of Month at SouthTrust Bank

Kelli Smith has been announced Employee of the Month at SouthTrust Bank in Elba by Ted Roberts, President. Kelli serves as a Financial Service Representative and Loan processor. She is a graduate of Stroud High School and attended MacArthur State Technical College. She has been employed by SouthTrust Bank in Elba for 5 years and is a very active in the county Life Assembly of God Church where she serves as pianist.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 25, 2001, investigated the following incidents: three thefts of property, one failure to pay for gas, two for criminal trespass, one collision with an unattended vehicle, one harassment, and one stolen cellular telephone. The following arrests were made: one on a failure to pay warrant, one on theft of property, and one on failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for violation of the boom box ordinance, six for speeding, two for no insurance, one for violation of the seat belt law, and one for violation of the child restraint law.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JUNE 25 - River stage - 7:24 feet (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Dairy Queen (10:22 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at the Elba MarketPlace parking lot (4:30 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fight) reported at 1450 Smith Ave. (9:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 - Gas drive off reported at the Elba Texaco (4:58 a.m.); River stage - 9:86 feet (7:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 193 Jackson Ave. (1:07 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire alarm at Dollar General (1:10 p.m.); Wreck reported at Elba MarketPlace (9:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 809 Putnam St. (11:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 - River stage - 6:78 feet (6:53 a.m.); Subject shooting fireworks reported on Smith Ave. (10:18 p.m.); Subject shooting fireworks reported at Lot 5 of Powell's Trailer Park (10:56 p.m.); Possible prowler reported at 1267 Packing House Road (11:23 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - Alarm activated at Kleiner's Security Guard office (3:42 a.m.); River stage - 6:37 feet (6:50 a.m.); Alarm activated at

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I, as the Administrative Director of Courts, welcome Judge Johnny Harbuck and Judge Charles Robinson to the 15th and 30th Circuit Court of Alabama and to the Unified Judicial System. I regret that, through their new positions, they are caught in the midst of an unfortunate funding crisis in the Judiciary, but I pray the Courts' budget will be restored as soon as possible.

I spoke to Governor Siegelman last week following a conversation between the and Chief Justice Moore. The Governor has said he will work with us through this situation. The governor also asked me to call the finance director to sit down and work out the budget needs.

While I remain optimistic that the budget for the Judicial Branch of government will be restored at this point I stand behind my letter of May 25 to the governor advising that I will not authorize staff for the new judgeships until this crisis is resolved. I believe the Governor is acting in good faith, and I am withholding any further actions pending the upcoming discussions.

Rich Hobson
Administrative Director of Courts

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CARD OF THANKS

DANIELS FAMILY
We, the family of **LAMAR DANIELS** and **DAVEY STAMBAUGH** would like to thank our family and friends for their kindness and prayers for the loss of our loved ones.

Your expressions of sympathy and generous gestures of kindness were heartfelt by our entire family. While we struggle to cope with this loss in our lives, we take comfort in knowing that Lamar and Davey are at rest with our Heavenly Father. We love you all.

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SEAGD commissions newest transmission pipeline

The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD) commissioned its newest transmission pipeline May 13, 2001. The 20-inch natural gas line will serve Alabama Electric Cooperative's new Van Buren Plant.

SEAGD and AEC already have joint ownership of a 12-inch pipeline that provides natural gas to the McWilliams Power Plant. The 20-inch line is a way to meet AEC's needs for power production and provide additional capacity for the growth of our system," said Greg Henderson, Director of Finance and Administration and CEO for SEAGD. "Since we (SEAGD) are providing the construction and financing of the line, meeting our deadline on budget was significant to the district," Henderson said. "There are still some minor

right of way restorations being made, as well as seedling and erosion control for landowners, but other than that, the line is ready to flow natural gas."

While "SEAGD is the owner-operator of the new line, which runs from Plantation to Gantt, the company does not at this time sell natural gas to AEC. "One common misconception is that we (SEAGD) sell natural gas for electric generation," said Jim Smith, President and CEO of SEAGD. "The power providers in our system purchase their gas in much the same way we do, which is from the wellhead."

In an effort to assist producers, such as AEC in the purchase of natural gas in the future, however, SEAGD has partnered with other natural gas agencies in the southeast in hopes of securing more competitive rates and avoiding the price spikes currently experienced in today's market. "This spring and summer we have seen a drop in the high natural gas prices experienced nationwide last winter," said Henderson. "We were able to pass on an across the board decrease to our customers in April, and will again in July. We hope to discuss rates again before winter, once our winter fuel and gas prices become more defined."

SEAGD serves more than 30,000 customers throughout the southeastern quadrant of Alabama. The company is owned by 14 member towns: Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Lufkin, Opp, Ozark, and Troy.

Prizes were awarded to students at Zion Chapel High School for improvement in school and academic excellence. The "Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Coffee County Board of Education are partners in a grant designed to provide enrichment programs to three county schools: Sandra Coffey and Angela Hughes of the Cooperative Extension System and Dr. Linda Ingram of the Coffee County Board of Education submitted the grant proposal in the Fall of 2000 and implementation began January 2001. Christina Kirkland, Community Coordinator, presented prizes to the following students:

Sixth Grade: Stephen Matthews Williams, Todd Grant, Jennifer Taylor, Kelly Quantelbaum, Allan Carr and Cory Grissett.

Seventh Grade: Christopher Fuller, Lindsay Diane Leverett, D.J. Stinson, Shirley Donaldson, Morgan Miley and Jason Holloway.

Eighth Grade: Kristen McLendon, Lance Dickey, Levi Brown, Lamar Boggs, Shannon Allen and Larry Hayden Osborn.

Ninth Grade: Anna Miller, Janice Dawn Johnson, Johnell Brown, Beverly Nicole Boutwell, Ronald Lee Boutwell and Jeremy Eddins.

Obituaries

BENNIE D. BLACKMAN
Mr. Bennie D. Blackman, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at Elba General Hospital. Mr. Blackman was a lifelong resident of Elba.

Funeral services were held June 29, 2001, at the Elba Church of God with Rev. Felton Stewart and Rev. Allen Richards officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Blackman (Stephanie); three daughters, Juanita and Felton Stewart, Greenville, Ala.; Alma and Jimmy Davis, Elba; Carolyn Brackney, Crestview, Fla.; three sisters, Mollie Hudson, Elba; Fleeter Clayton and Mary Spencer, both of Andalusia; one twin sister, Quenne Gilchrist, Tallahassee, Fla.; one brother, Alex Blackman, Elba; three grandsons, Derayne (Betsy) Stewart, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Marty (Stephanie) (Terry) Keen, Destin, Crestview, Fla.; Terry Brackney (Jennifer Wilhelm), Crestview, Fla.; two granddaughters, Lynn (Scott) Morgan, Tallahassee, Fla.; Melinda Conner (Terry) Keen, Destin, Fla.; and nine great-grandchildren.

JACKIE PARKER
Mr. Jackie Parker, age 57, of 1450 Hickman Avenue, Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at his home in Elba. Mr. Parker served the communities of Elba and Enterprise for 41 years as a hair stylist.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Comer Harrison, Rev. Larry Doster and Rev. Hubert Brackney officiating. Burial followed at Mr. Zion Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother, Chaudine Parker, Elba; his sister, Debbie (Dobbin) McCollough, Jack, Ala.; Sherry Daniels, Elba; Autumn Parker, Elba; Kristan Parker, Elba; one son, Jackie Wade Parker, Elba; one sister, Judy Watson, Elba; and three grandchildren.

WILLIAM NORMAN "COOT" GRANTHAM
Mr. William Norman "Coot" Grantham, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. Mr. Grantham was a lifelong

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***The 2001 Lindsey Family Reunion will be held July 13-15, 2001, Poughkeepsie, New York. For more information, contact Ruth Anderson, PO Box 159 Glenham, NY 12527. Cleva M. Davis, 69 Catherine Street, Albany, NY 12203, or Katherine Anderson, 28 Anken Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534.

***Rocky Head Baptist Church in Elba, AL is holding Vacation Bible School, July 16-20, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Bishop A.R. Williams, pastor.

***Heaven Retreat Ministry Church, pastor James E. Blain, Opp, AL Williams St. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Praise and worship 10:45 morning prayer meeting 6:00. Services each Sunday.

***Soul In The Hole 2001 Basketball Tournament. Trophies will be awarded. Highlight of the evening: A free slam dunk contest for ages 14-17. Place Mann Luther King Complex in Opp, AL. Saturday, July 7, 2001 at 10:00 AM. For more info, contact Chuck Stoudermeier 492-2780.

***Homecoming and Revival! Oak Grove Baptist Church Elba, AL (Dunley Cross Road) Rev. Nathaniel Fleming, pastor. July 13-15, 2001. Sunday afternoon 2:30 PM. Monday-Friday 7:00 PM. Evangelist: Rev. Nathan Larkins. Theme: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew the right spirit within me." Psalms 51:10. Annual Homecoming Sunday, July 8, 2001 at 2:30 PM. Wire-render Music. Introduction of Messenger: Pastor Fleming. Sermon: Rev. L. Erkins. Mt. Carmel Collection. Remarks: Dismissal. Revival Services: 9:00 enrollment-Vester Burnett. Tabernacle (churches) Lewis Carpenter. Educational Recommendation-Committee on New Bodies-Finance-James

Monday Night: St. Stephens A.M.E. Elba Apostolic, Bethel A.M.E. Tuesday Night: Nazareth Greater New Zion, Gospel First Baptist, Stoudermeier, Rev. Charles Lane, Vick E. Lindsey, Rev. Rodrick Rideaux, Mary Alice Blue, Rosie Daniels, Catherine Edwards and Butrus Tull.

***Annual Sessions of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress to be held at The Mulberry Heights Educational Building, Elba, AL July 13-14, 2001. Officers: Wendell Williams, president; Dea W.C. Tillis, recording secretary; Ollie Henderson, corresponding secretary; W.C. Tillis, Treasurer; Joyce Tillis, youth director; Rev. R. McKinnon, dean; J.B. Chaimon, moderator.

***Friday July 13, 2001, 10:00 AM Devotional Address: Rev. W.J. Byrd; Introductory sermon: L.P. Carter. The Sunday School and BTU Congress Choir will render music. Friday afternoon session 1:45 PM General Assembly: President's Address and Report. Rev. Wendell Williams, Bible Study Classes, Saturday July 14, 9:30 AM Inspirational Message: Deans' Address, 15 minutes. Youth program: Div. Ollie Peterson, 12 noon Educational sermon: Rev. J.M. Bryant. Alternate: Rev. W.L. Peterson. Saturday afternoon session 1:30 PM all final reports. Memorial Services: Rev. W.D. Edwards, Rev. Gary Barnes, Rev. Rose Rodgers and Rev. J.M. Bryant. Remarks, Announcements, and Benedictions.

***Belle Class Instructors: Classes 1-2 Rev. J.G. Chatman, Class 3, Mary A. Hooks. Class 4, Lorraine Henry, Class 5, Sis R. Byrd. Committee: Penelope Tubularin (churches) Lewis Carpenter. Educational Recommendation-Committee on New Bodies-Finance-James

Williams, Dubursum-A.Z. Stoudermeier, Courtney Tomlin Brooks Food Committee: Ernestine Kelley, Josie Caldwell, Jeannette Brooks and Annie Pearl Carpenter. Bring the youth and your Bible.

***Activities Day: The youth group of Rocky Head Baptist Church, Elba, AL will host an activities day on July 14, 2001 at Hawkins Williams Park, Elba. They are issuing a Church Challenge to all area churches to come and participate in a day of fun, softball and volleyball will be played throughout the day. They encourage everyone to please come and support the youth department.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Ena

VBS planned for July 16-20 at Damascus Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School will be held at Damascus Baptist Church July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kick off for VBS will be July 15 at the Vines and with a church picnic, beginning at 2:00.

Call 894-6382, church: 894-2310. Dianna Tindell or 897-1556. Anita Cawley, for more information.

Southern Gospel Concert planned in Andalusia

There will be a Southern Gospel concert at the Kiwanis Club of Andalusia (Southern by-pass) featuring J.G. Whitfield and the Workman. The Revelators, The Hendersons, The Florida Girls, The Burning Bush Family and others. The concert is free, however, a love offering will be received. Oak Ridge Baptist Church will be selling BBQ plates for \$6 and BBQ sandwiches for \$2. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

New Haven Baptist Church VBS planned for July 8-12

New Haven Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School July 8-12 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. The expedition is open for preschool through 6th grade. During this week, the youth will experience "Truth Uncovered (The Real Life Project)". Adults will also have the opportunity to participate in a Truth Trackers Bible study. Nursery will be provided for those who attend. This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is open to everyone. Bus pick-up is available upon request. Call 897-0297 for more information.

Church of God of Prophecy to host gospel singing

Church of God of Prophecy in Elba, across from the Dairy Queen, will host a benefit gospel singing Friday, July 6, at 6 p.m. The singing will feature Derek Snellgrove, The Steady Standers and other local talent. All proceeds benefit Buford Roberts' "Enterprise" Police Investigation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Westside Baptist Church VBS will be July 16-20

Westside Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 16-20 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for K-6th grade. The children travel through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East as the week will be filled with exciting Bible stories, a search for the secret of the Stone Tablets, crafts, music in the Mt. Courtyard and other stories and a light meal will be served each night. Even those might have already been on another expedition with another church, are invited to come along. Each evening, parents will need to pick children up at 8:00 p.m. in the Worship Auditorium. Family night will be Friday night for parents and friends at 6:00 p.m. Anyone needing a ride should call 897-6929.

Worship at the Church of your choice this Sunday! You'll be glad you did!

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TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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The grace of God

By Russell S. Miller

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ." This verse is the theme of all the Epistles of St. Paul where we find how to obtain both "grace" and "peace". The words of this verse are found at the beginning of every one of his letters.

So, which would you rather have, the "grace" and "peace" of God, or would you prefer to see the Lord Jesus Christ on that "white horse" of the Book of Revelation?

AND I SAW HEAVEN OPENED, AND BEHOLD A WHITE HORSE, AND HE THAT SAT UPON HIM WAS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE, AND IN RIGHTeousNESS HE DOTH JUDGE AND MAKE WAR. (Rev. 19:11-16)

It is on account of the wickedness of men in seeking to run the world without Him that He judges the earth and makes war. However, "now is the Day of Salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). It is in this Day, the Day of Grace that God is saving men and women boys and girls, by grace through faith without works (Eph. 2:8-9). We cannot earn heaven of course, for our salvation is the gift of God, purchased for us by Christ on Calvary's cross. Paul therefore declares in his Epistle to the Corinthians with regards to "the gospel of your salvation" (Eph. 1:13).

How that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (II Cor. 15:3-4).

This redemption that is in Christ Jesus is ours by simple faith in Him. "We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Nevertheless we can, and should, draw near unto Him, through faith in His blessed Word, the Bible. Read especially the epistles of St. Paul, over and over again, until they become part and parcel of yourself, for therein is our only salvation.

WHEREFORE HE IS ABLE TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIS SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM" (Heb. 7:25).

There is no peace in this world, so worth having, as "peace with God".

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, July 8th

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church is holding a Homecoming July 8 at 11:00 a.m. Special singing Sunday morning. Parents will need to pick children up at 8:00 p.m. in the Worship Auditorium. Family night will be Friday night for parents and friends at 6:00 p.m. Anyone needing a ride should call 897-6929.

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LIFESTYLES



Sarah Kimberly Cox celebrates first birthday

Sarah Kimberly Cox celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, June 16th. Most of her family and friends were present to help celebrate at her home in Opelika, AL. Sarah is the daughter of Christopher and Penny Cox. Sarah's



Sarah Cox

Heather Nicole Blietz named Little Miss Zion Chapel

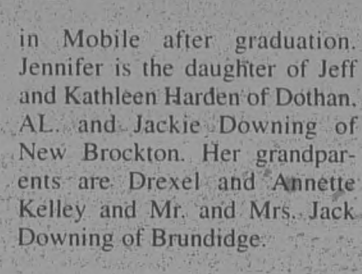
On April 7, 2001 Heather Nicole Blietz was crowned Little Miss Zion Chapel 2001. She attends Zion Chapel Elementary where she will be in the 2nd grade this year. She is the daughter of David and Tonia Blietz and has two brothers Mark and Kody. Her grandparents are Bobby and Ann Grayson of Elba and Barbara and Hestrop of Luverne. Great Grandparents are Joe and Catherine Gauthier of Elba and the late Lela Grayson and Lena Cole of Elba. She is looking forward to representing her school and community at the National Peanut Festival Pageant in October.



Heather Nicole Blietz

Jennifer Downing is attending WCC this summer

Jennifer Nicole Downing is a junior at Northview in Dothan, AL. She is enrolled at George Wallace Community College in Dothan for the summer taking a full load. Jennifer will be going two days and two nights during her senior year at Northview and will transfer to South Alabama.



Miss Collins & Mr. Farris

Collins-Farris to be united in holy matrimony

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Collins of Canton, GA., announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Hazel Collins, to Reagan Chad Farris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Farris, of Samson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ruby Shelley and the late William E. Peel, of N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Collins, of TX. She is a graduate of Cherokee High School and currently attending the University of Lynchburg, Va., pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Counseling.

The future groom is the grandson of Eunice Donaldson and the late Jordan Donaldson, of Samson, AL, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Farris, of Elba. He graduated cum laude from Liberty University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He is currently attending the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. The wedding is planned for August 11, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. After the ceremony the couple plans to reside in Birmingham.

Bedsole annual reunion planned for Saturday, July 21

The annual Bedsole reunion will be at the Woodman of the World building, 3148 Highway 52 West in Dothan on Saturday, July 21, beginning at 10 AM. All Bedsole descendants and friends are invited. Bring a dish for lunch. For more information contact Kenneth Bedsole at 334-347-7949 or E-mail at doken@juno.com.



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IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totter, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Pastor Philip Copes, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

BILLY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Rev. E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Jimmy Simmons, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Pastor Alvin Richards, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor John Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Pastor Ron & Mary Simon, Pastors
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Charles R. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Jimmie Bryan, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Ray Layton, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Pastor L. Howard Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

PRIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Pastor Betty Morris, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD S.B. CHURCH
Pastor A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ROFTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
Pastor Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor
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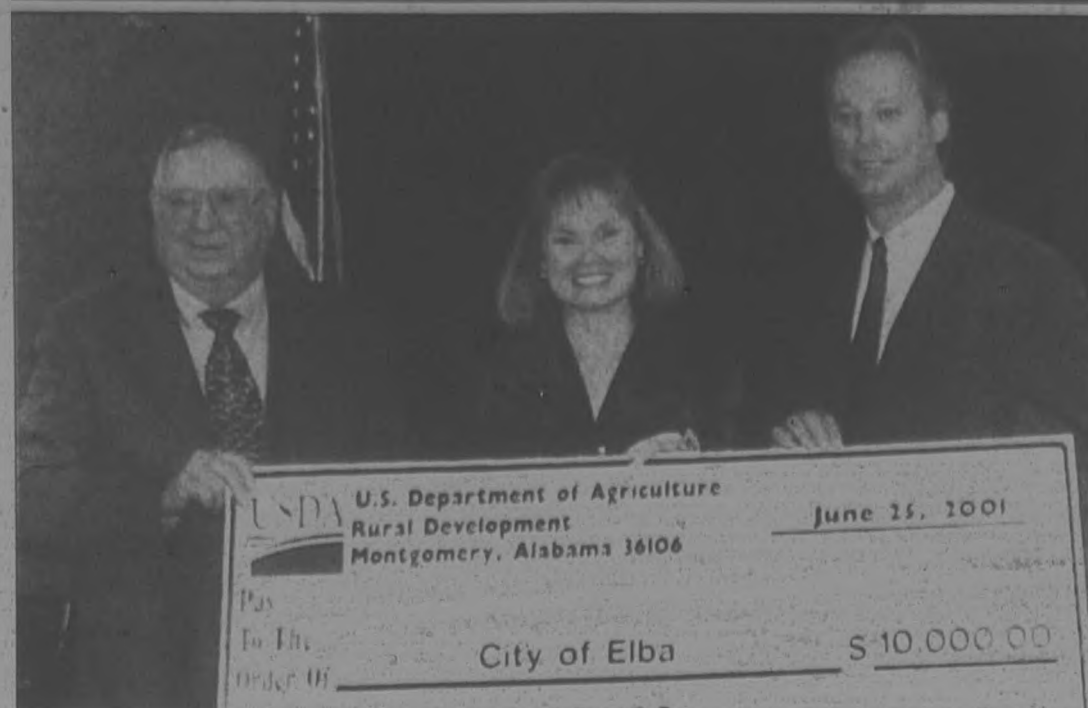
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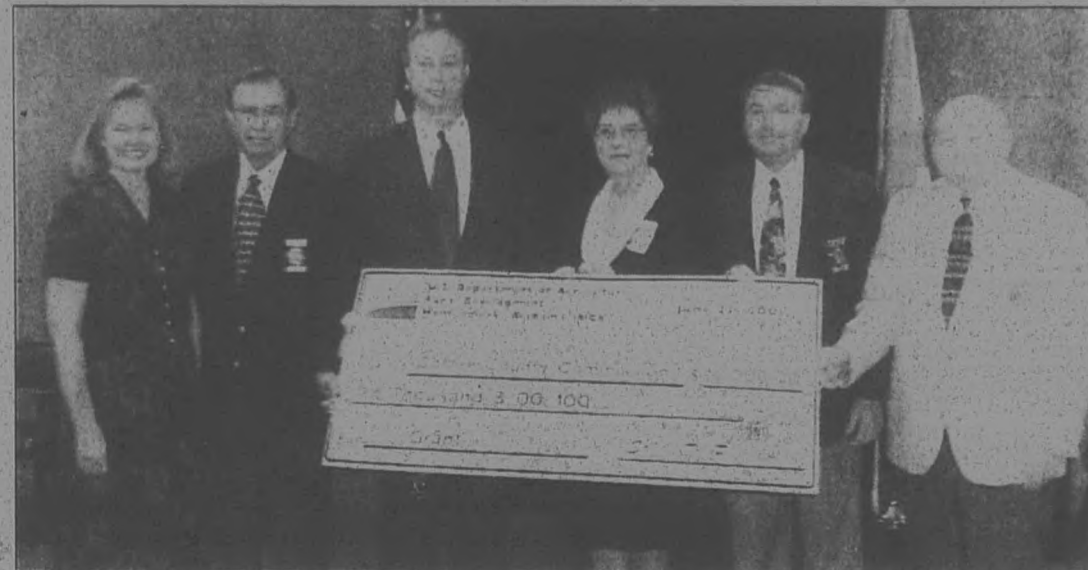
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COMMUNITY NEWS

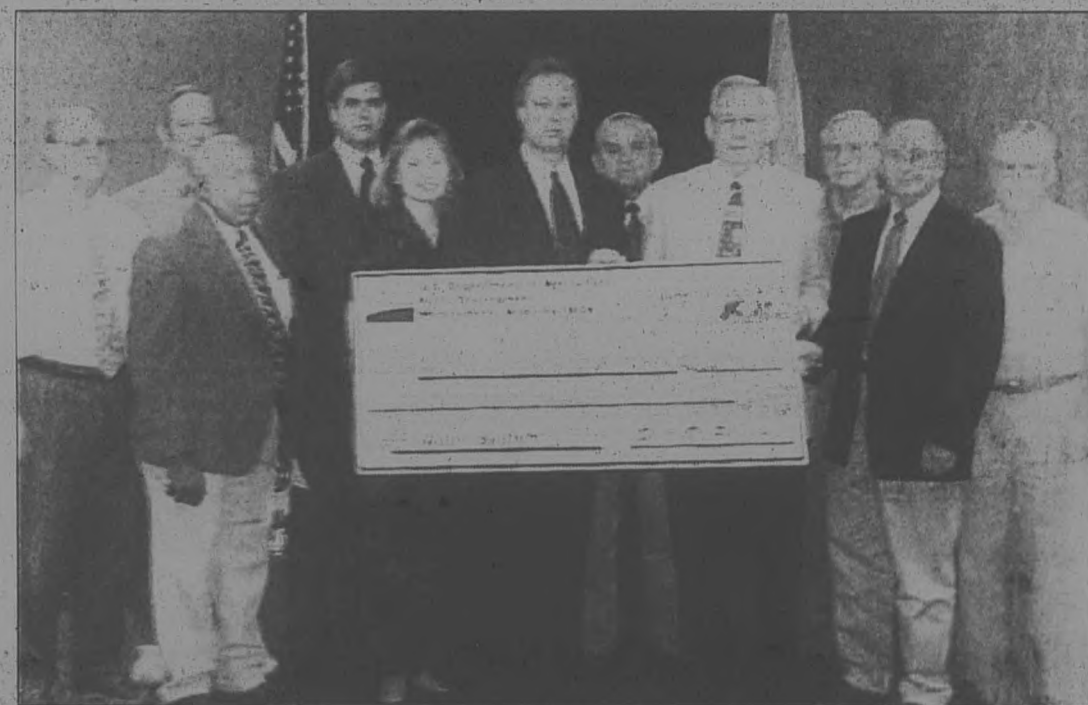


ELBA MAYOR JAMES GRIMES, left, is shown accepting a \$10,000 Rural Business Opportunity grant from right: Steve Pelham, Alabama Director of the USDA Rural Development center, Mrs. Barbara Everett, wife of U. S. Congressman Terry Everett. Grimes explained that the money will be used to do an economic development study for the 200 acre undeveloped Elba Industrial Park and hope to prepare the facility for any new industry which might wish to establish a facility in the Elba area. The check was presented in ceremonies in Elba at the National Security Conference Center recently.

The study this grant will pay for is an engineering study to determine the highest and best use for this property, Grimes said. The study should allow for target-marketing of the site to potential industrial employers. It is being undertaken as a joint venture of the City of Elba and the City of Elba Economic Development Corporation.



THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION received a check for a \$10,000 Rural Business Opportunity grant from the USDA Rural Development in ceremonies in Elba at the National Security Conference Center recently. State Director of USDA Rural Development, Steve Pelham, presented the money in an oversized check to four of the commissioners who were present at the event. Assisting Pelham with the presentation was Mrs. Barbara Everett, wife of U. S. Congressman Terry Everett. Coffee County officials said they intend to use the money to further develop an industrial site adjacent to the landfill located on Highway 125 in North Coffee County. Pictured above are Mrs. Everett, Commissioner Doug Dairymple, Pelham, Commission Chairperson Linda Westbrook, Commissioner Tom Grimsley and Commissioner Robert Stephens.



THE COFFEE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY was presented a USDA check totaling \$6,187,000 in ceremonies in Elba at the National Security Conference Center recently. State director of USDA Rural Development, Steve Pelham, presented the money in an oversized check to representatives of the water authority. It represents a \$2,675,000 grant and a \$3,512,000 low interest loan as the first step in establishing a countywide drinking water system. The first phase of the project will be the rural portion of Coffee County that is South of U. S. Highway 84. The second phase will then hopefully be funded and the entire county should have clean reliable drinking water available. This project should also enhance the fire fighting capabilities of the area volunteer fire departments.

Also on hand for the event was Mrs. Barbara Everett, wife of U. S. Congressman Terry Everett. Mrs. Everett often makes appearances on behalf of her husband when he has pressing business in Washington.

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COC Jail Restoration project to be underway soon

The Jail Restoration Project Committee for the Elba Chamber of Commerce has recently met with the architects, and plans have been submitted for approval. The committee anticipates construction to begin in August or September. The committee is hopeful that the project will be well underway by October.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is also still selling bricks and cornerstones to be displayed in the Courtyard of Honor. If anyone would like to honor or have one placed in memory of someone special, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 to purchase a brick or cornerstone.

Small Ads Work
You're Reading One!

Kenneth Isbill graduates from U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs

Kenneth M. Isbill has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Cancer Support Group to meet July 12 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center

A breast cancer support group will be held Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at Southeast Alabama Medical Center 1st Floor Conference Room. The speaker will be Elaine Stuckey. Light refreshments will be served. For more

Down payment assistance program is available from the government

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a new booklet, "How To Collect Government Money For Housing & Real Estate-Even If You Don't Have Perfect Credit". The booklet includes information on a how and where to get government money to help people realize the American dream of owning their own home.

82nd Airborne Division Association to hold Annual Convention

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Social Security News

Most Social Security business, such as filing a claim, changing an address, or reporting most other events, can be handled by telephone. Most visits to the Social Security office will be conducted mainly by appointment in order to better serve the public. Appointments can be scheduled and questions answered by calling: Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213. Toll Free Service: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM (Business Days). To reach the Dothan Security Office, use the toll-free number 1-800-962-8726 for July, August & September. **ENTERPRISE** - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM City Hall 2nd Tuesday 10 - 14 11 4th Tuesday 24 - 28 - 25 **ELBA** - 1 2 - 3 0 P.M. - 1:30PM Courthouse 4th Tuesday 24 - 28 - 25

Troy State University announces spring semester honor roll for area students

Troy State University announced its honor students for spring semester 2001, according to Fred Davis, provost. Local students being named to the Chancellor's list or Provost's List include:
Elba: Chancellor's: Mary Grantham and Misty Kelley. Provost's Kay Farris, Katherine Free and Ashley Nelson.
Jack: Provost's: Britany Mobley.
Brantley: Chancellor's: Traci Johnson. Provost's: Donna Compton.
New Brockton: Chancellor's: Delesha O'Ferrell and Mark Windham. Provost's Jennifer Hornsby and Jennifer Marshall.

USDA Office to be closed July 11th & 12th

USDA, Rural Development Office in Ozark, Alabama will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday July 11th and 12th and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2001.

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family has never had a lot of luck with animals, and last week was just another chapter in the book of hard luck as we lost both a cat and a dog over the course of four days. Bubbles, our six-year-old Siamese cat, died on Monday and was buried with some teary eyes watching. While Shortstop, our chocolate Lab puppy, came up missing from the yard two days later. We have no idea of what happened to the Lab, but if someone came in the yard and took it, I hope they will take care of it. Aren't pets fun!

HITS AND MISSES....

*** The All-Star tournaments are still going on all across the area, and while some of the Elba teams have hung up their gloves for the summer, others are busy playing in tournaments and still other teams are just getting ready to hit the field. In baseball action, the Elba American League and Elba National League All-Stars are over in Enterprise competing in the Dixie Minor Tournament, while the two Pre-Majors All-Star teams from Elba are in Daleville battling it out in Dixie Pre-Majors District Tournament. The Dixie Youth Americans and National League All-Stars will be playing in Geneva, and hopefully, the All-Stars will post a lot of wins before they close out the season. In softball action, the Dixie Angels All-Stars were still alive Monday over in Andalusia at the Dixie Angels Tournament and had already claimed two big wins, while the Dixie Ponytails All-Stars will hit the field Thursday night in Greenville and the Dixie Belles All-Stars will swing into action Thursday night in Opp. It looks like another very busy week for the Elba All-Stars, their coaches and their fans, and win or lose I am sure all the All-Star teams will represent Elba well and make everyone proud.

*** More than a few people over in Enterprise were surprised last week when Kenneth Hand was named the new head football coach at Enterprise High School. Hand had been an assistant coach at Enterprise many years ago, and recently had been ultra-successful as the offensive coordinator at Tuscaloosa County and Hoover. The fan favorites for the job were a couple of Enterprise assistants. However, the new coach was greeted with a warm welcome last weekend by hundreds of Wildcat fans, and after a couple of lean years down in the hole, certainly has the chance to win over a lot of fans very quickly if he can turn the program back into a state power. It won't be an easy task, but there is no way anyone can make me believe that there aren't enough good athletes in Enterprise High School to put a winning football team on the field. It will be an interesting season over at Enterprise High.

*** I talked with a few folks at Elba High last week and was told that a new head football coach will be named for the Tigers early this month. That came as no surprise at all since the season will kick off in August. The only question I still have is - what is taking so long? Coach Hand retired way back in the spring, and even though Mike Waters was named interim head coach and took Elba through a brief spring training, the Tigers haven't had a head man on the job for over three months. C'mon people, the once proud Elba Tiger football program hasn't posted a winning season in six years, and it is past time for the rebuilding process to begin. Please don't fumble the ball again!

In closing... I talked with former Elba High basketball stand-out Jim Ware last week and he said that he was still undecided about where he would continue his career next season. Ware did make it clear that he would not attend Gulf Coast J.C. and join former Calhoun coach John Douglas, and it seemed to me that the young star was more than a little confused about just what he was going to do. Maybe he will get everything figured out real soon and get his career back on track.

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In Sub-District Tournaments

Elba baseball and softball All-Stars ready for action

The Elba All-Stars will continue their tournament action this week in both baseball and softball as a total of four All-Star teams will hit the field for the first time.

The Elba Dixie Youth American and National League All-Stars will travel to Geneva to compete in the Dixie Youth Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament, while the Elba Dixie Ponytails will head to Greenville to compete in the Dixie Ponytails Sub-District 1 Softball Tournament, and the Elba Dixie Belles will travel to Opp to battle in the Dixie Belles Sub-District 1 Softball Tournament.

Following are previews of this week's tournament action.

DIXIE YOUTH SUB-DISTRICT 3 IN GENEVA, JULY 6-12

The Elba American League and National League All-Stars will both be on the road this week when they join Geneva, Hartford and Sanson in the Dixie Youth Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament in Geneva.

The Elba Americans will open the tournament on Friday, July 6, at 6:00 when they battle the Hartford All-Stars, to be followed at 8:00 with the contest between the Elba Nationals and Geneva. A win by the Elba Nationals would put the National League All-Stars in action again on Saturday night at 5:00, against Sanson, while a win by the Elba Americans would put the American League All-Stars in action on Monday against the winner of the Saturday night winner's game.

The losers of the Friday night games will meet on Saturday night at 7:00.

The tournament will continue with games set for Monday, July 8, at 6:00 and 8:00, and games set for 7:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"We have spent a lot of time working on defense," said Elba Dixie Softball Sub-District 1 manager Jim McCormick, "and even though

we haven't fared too well in practice games, we have given all the players a long look at a lot of different positions, and the event will include Greenville, Opp, Andalusia and Troy.

The tournament will open on Thursday night, July 5, at 5:30, with the meeting between Opp and Andalusia, and will be followed at 7:00 with the clash between Elba and Greenville.

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Pitching will obviously be the key, it always is in fast-pitch softball, and we will have to hit the ball, and our pitchers will have to step up and do their jobs. We just have to play well and see what happens."

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The tournament will be held at the new recreation complex, in Greenville, and other teams in the event will include Greenville, Opp, Andalusia and Troy.

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Registration underway in Elba for youth football and cheerleading

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is now conducting registration for the upcoming Tri-County Football League season for both players and cheerleaders.

Football registration is open to boys ages 6-12, with teams to be divided into age groups of 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. A player's age will be based upon his age on August 1, 2001.

Cheerleader registration is open to girls ages 6-12 and squads will be divided based on age, with the age groups being 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Age will be based upon a cheerleader's age on August 1, 2001.

A nominal fee is charged for both football and cheerleading. Registration forms are available at the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation office, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.



TIM WILSON...all smiles after a hole-in-one.

Tim Wilson records hole-in-one during first round of golf ever

Over 100 home office employees and their families gathered for food and fun on June 22 when the National Security Group Inc. held its annual company picnic. However, there was no doubt who had the most fun, as Tim Wilson made a hole-in-one at the second hole at the Elba Country Club course while playing golf for the first time!

Wilson recorded the ace on the par 3, 121-yard hole using an eight iron, and was playing with Colby Skinner, Galen McWaters, Phillip Curtis and Bob Glover.

Wilson is the Marketing Coordinator for the National Security Fire and Casualty Company, and has been with the company since 1996.

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Troy State is now a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference

Macon, Georgia - The Atlantic Sun Conference rises in place of the former Trans America Athletic Conference. The change in name and logo, approved by the Conference Presidents' Council on June 14, represents the focal point of an overall branding and identity program for the Atlantic Sun.

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CHAD BOUTWELL, age 14, of Elba, caught these two large mouth bass at Forest Lake. The largest fish weighed just over 12 pounds and the other weighed just over 8.5 pounds.



RICHARD "DOODLE" BOUTWELL, age 17, of Elba, caught these large mouth bass at Forest Lake. The two fish together weighed in at 26 pounds.

McKinnon to sponsor a free football camp at Elba school

Ronald McKinnon of the Arizona Cardinals will offer a free football camp on Saturday, July 14, at Elba High School from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon. The camp will be open for children ages 8-18. For more information, contact the coaches office at Elba High School.

Big Exotic Pet Expo to be held at Pensacola Fairgrounds July 7 & 8

Great Southeastern Exotic Pet Expo will be July 7-8, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5, at the Pensacola Fairgrounds Expo Hall in Pensacola, Florida.

Featuring birds, cages, toys, Alpine Water & Air Systems, supplies, magazines, door prizes, reptiles and Armstrong Cricket Farm.

Tickets available for Spanish religious artwork exhibition in Jackson, Mississippi

The Majesty of Spain in Jackson, Mississippi, features an entire gallery devoted to religious paintings and artwork. Individual tickets for the Majesty of Spain Exhibition may be purchased by calling TicketMaster toll-free at 877-709-2639 and at TicketMaster outlets. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. For additional information call 601-960-9900 or visit the exhibition website at www.majestyofspain.com.

Vietnam Vets 373 to have regular meeting tonight in Clayhatchee Community House

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 5, 2001. Meeting will be held at the Clayhatchee Community House, which is located on Highway 92 close to Providence.

Landmark Park in Dothan to feature state and local history programs during month of July

Landmark Park in Dothan will present four programs about state and local history on Sunday afternoons during the month of July. The forums will be presented in the auditorium of the park's Interpretive Center at 2:30 p.m. and are free for park members. There is a small gate for non-members. Reservations are required and can be made by Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm sharp. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-3804.

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The Atlantic Sun membership includes Belmont (Nashville, Tenn.), Campbell (Bates Creek, N.C.), University of Central Florida (Orlando, Fla.), Florida Atlantic (Boca Raton, Fla.), Georgia State (Atlanta, Ga.), Jacksonville State (Jacksonville, Ala.), Jacksonville (Jacksonville, Fla.), Mercer (Macon, Ga.), Samford (Birmingham, Ala.), Stetson (Deland, Fla.), and Troy State (Troy, Ala.). Gardner-Webb (Boiling Springs, N.C.) will join the Conference for the 2002-03 season.

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The 2002 federal budget dedicates more than 30 billion to the Department of Housing and Urban Development," says Jim Suraski, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "The American Dream Downpayment Fund will provide \$200 million in downpayment assistance to help 130,000 low income families buy homes. In addition, the Bush administration recently announced a program to allow people who receive low income rental assistance to bundle a year's worth of payments and use the money for downpayment, or make monthly payments on a new mortgage. Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network-Government Money For Housing & Real Estate, Dept. HR 621 P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039. Consumers can get more information by calling 202-747-7447 or from Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

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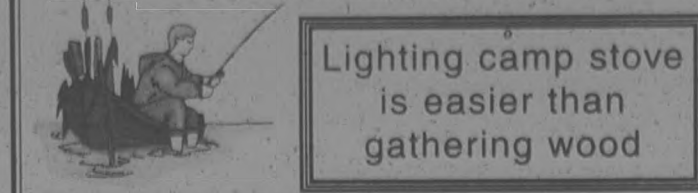
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Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Lighting camp stove
is easier than
gathering wood

Roasting marshmallows over a crackling campfire while sipping a steaming cup of coffee and listening to the night critters sing is one of the ultimate relaxation experiences. But cooking a meal over an open fire requires gathering lots of wood and cleaning soot off pots and pans before snuggling into your sleeping bag.

The modern camp-stove offers fired outdoor adventures the luxury of a cooking fire with only the striking of a match and turning a valve. Even the little Sterno stove can cook a small meal and keep the coffee hot.

Modern camp stores are available in the lightweight backpack sizes that weigh less than one pound to the three burner units that have their own stand and can cook a log rollers meal as fast as grandma can at home. The type stove to buy is dictated by the type of camping or outdoor activity you are involved in. Backpackers primary concerns are weight and space considerations. The car camper is not so limited and can opt for the two or three burner propane or liquid fuel stoves.

One of the biggest choices that has to be made in selecting stoves today is the fuel selection. Using the small propane containers eliminates the often messy pouring and pumping required of liquid fuel stoves as propane cylinders are under regulated pressure. The drawbacks of using the propane cylinders are it is hard to determine how much fuel you have left in a cylinder and the disposal of used cylinders. Always carry one more cylinder than you think you will need. If space and transportation permit, the five and ten pound bulk propane containers are an excellent choice. These cylinders can be refilled at approximately half the cost of purchasing the same volume in disposable cylinders and they are refillable, eliminating the disposal hassle.

While a bit messy, liquid fuel stoves remain popular. The one or two gallon can of fuel, which is basically naphtha, can be bought in rural locations across the country. This super refined fuel burns clean and is considerably less expensive than propane. Many campers use unleaded gasoline in their stoves rather than the more refined Coleman fuel. Although this works, the life of the stove's generator can be shortened considerably in older models.

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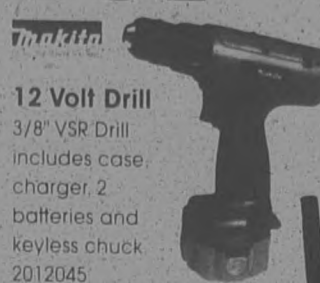


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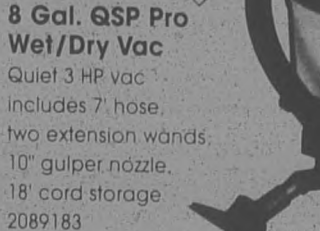
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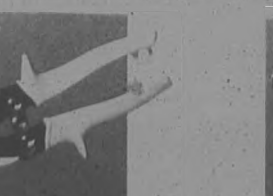


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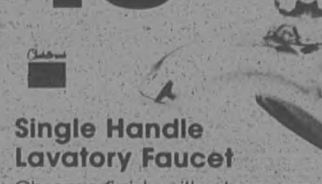
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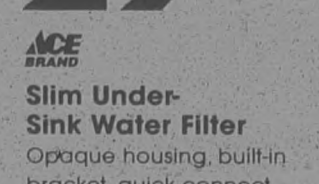
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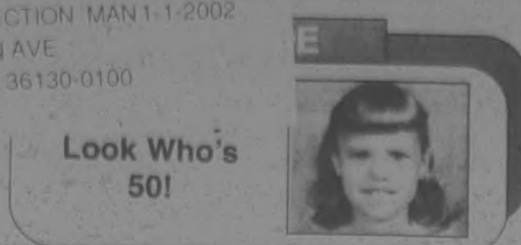


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During "called" Coffee County BOE meeting

Ingram recommended for superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education voted Tuesday evening, July 10, during a "called" board meeting to offer the position of Superintendent of the Coffee County School System to Dr. Linda Ingram.

"We interviewed five great candidates yesterday (Monday, June 9)," board member Gene Barksdale said before recommending Ingram for the job. "After receiving a second from board member Robin McKinnon, the board passed Barksdale's motion with all board members voting in favor. Ingram currently works with

the Coffee County School System as an administrative assistant at the board of education office."

Now in her eighth year with the school system, she served as principal of Zion Chapel High School for four years before moving to the central office.

"I am very pleased with the board's recommendation," said Ingram. "Working with the Coffee County School System has been the best personal and professional experience in my life."

Now that the board has recommended Ingram for the job of superintendent, she will be offered the position and board chairman Charles Walker and vice chairman Danny Jernigan will work to negotiate a contract with her.

"A lot of people don't realize how lucky we are," said Ingram. "I believe Coffee County is the best kept secret we have."

The board will announce at a later date whether or not Ingram accepted the position.



Dr. Linda Ingram

Elba Council approves removal of crooked bridge

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed three resolutions in quick succession Monday evening, then paid their monthly bills and dismissed.

The first resolution approved at the request of the Alabama Department of Transportation was the previously announced removal of the WhiteWater Creek bridge (the crooked bridge). This will be done in conjunction with the levee work planned by the Corps of Engineers.

The highway department officially abandoned the bridge about 15 years ago, but continued to unofficially maintain it for the City of Elba. Engineers have repeatedly noted major repairs that are needed on the structure and the fact the bridge doesn't meet engineering standards of

today. This removal will eliminate these continuing problems and clear the way for the levee upgrade project.

The second resolution is also dealing with the levee project. It authorizes the condemnation of any property needed for the levee rehab project in which the property owner and the appraisers don't agree on the value of the needed property. City Attorney Jeff Kelley explained that this was the levee work that proceeded while the courts decide the correct compensation for the disputed property.

The third resolution authorizes the city to repurchase a parcel of land in the Industrial Park sold in 1998 to Couch Concrete. Mayor James Grimes said the company has been sold and the new owners don't plan to construct the Elba

plant. Elba will pay \$7,500 for the parcel, exactly what it received in 1998.

Monthly bills totaling \$20,869.32 were approved for payment. They included \$1,350 for quarterly payment for the NCIC computer in the police department; \$4,960.09 for vehicle repair; \$3,237.07 for sewer supplies; and \$9,011.60 for annual maintenance contract on city hall copy machine.

Mayor James Grimes reported he and the city attorney had done as authorized and revised the EMS contract in relationship to the use of a city owned emergency vehicle.

Grimes also urged council members to attend a review at city hall on July 11th at 3:30 on the proposed Broad Band Study (fiber optic) for the City of Elba.

Commission hears plans for Camp Humming Hills

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their regular bi-monthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday morning, July 9, on the current situation and future plans for the Girl Scouts Camp at Humming Hills in Elba.

Barbara Gilewicz, executive director of the Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, addressed the commissioners concerning future plans for Camp Humming Hills. Gilewicz told commissioners that a feasibility plan is currently being conducted to determine if now is the right time to start a \$1.2 million capital campaign which would allow the Humming Hills Camp to become fully staffed.

Gilewicz said Camp Humming Hills was acquired by the Girl Scouts in the 1970s and is a 267 acre girl scout camp which serves approximately 6,000 girl scouts in the Wiregrass area.

"Girls have a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors at this camp," said Gilewicz. "She said the two ponds at Camp Humming Hills are a focus on environmental education."

Gilewicz said the capital campaign will help the Girl Scouts improve the facilities at Camp Humming Hills and make it more attractive to not only the girl scouts but other non-profit programs.

She said the capital campaign will be a first ever venture for the Girl Scouts in that they have always been self-funded, but the master plan is simply to improve the facility and continue with the organizations goal of growth with diversity among its participants.

"Girl scouting is for every girl every where," Gilewicz said. Gilewicz also made commissioners aware of a pond pipe

which began leaking recently. She said the organization hopes to have the dam repaired and pipe replaced within a week or two as a local company is doing the work.

While on the subject of Camp Humming Hills, Commissioner Linda Westbrock made mention that the Girl Scouts have been trying to get water from the City of Elba to the camp site. Westbrock said the commission is working with the Girl Scouts to make this project a reality.

Charles Lott addressed the commission concerning land at the county's industrial site across from the landfill for the livestock sale barn.

"We will need 10-15 acres of land to locate the sale barn on when the 4-laning of Hwy. 84 takes it over," said Lott. "We are interested in locating in your industrial park."

Lott said that wouldn't matter to them as long as they got a good site with good access that was well-drained and had the availability for a lot of vehicles to park.

No action was taken in this matter. Commissioner Bernest Brooks spoke of the success of the Coffee County Farmer's Market and Senior Citizens Nutrition program this year.

The Senior Citizens Nutrition program was a pilot program this year with Coffee and Houston counties being the two chosen to implement it.

Brooks said the program had been a huge success not only for the senior citizens but the farmer's as well.

He said he would like to see

the county push for additional funding for this program next year.

Upon the recommendation of County Engineer Randy Tindell, the commission awarded the bid for the annual placement of bijnupinus plant mix to Bullard Excavating Company, Inc. of Andalusia.

Bullard submitted the low bid of \$757,986. Other bids submitted included: APAC/Couch Division, Inc. of Andalusia in the amount of \$763,719 and Wiregrass Construction Co. of Atlaston in the amount of \$817,877.

Also upon the recommendation of the county engineer, the commission awarded the bid for annual traffic striping to American Road Marking System of Dothan in the amount of \$226,264.75. The only other bid submitted for this project included one from Ozark Striping of Ozark in the amount of \$244,056.

In both bid awards, Tindell reminded the commissioners that these were annual bids, and the quantities were just estimated quantities.

In other business, the commission

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Hydrogeologist tours Dorsey plant



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA Hydrogeologist Marlon Cook toured the Dorsey Trailer plant Tuesday morning with company CEO Chriss Street, and offered advice to the company on flood and flood damage prevention. Pictured above are Cook, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Senator Jimmy Holley, Street, Representative Terry Spicer and Barbara Gibson, executive director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow River Watershed Authority. Street explained the company's interest in this meeting with the following statement: "The biggest enemy we perceive here is not our competition but some of the adverse weather conditions in South Alabama and we are learning to live with it." He continued: "We appreciate Senator Holley and Representative Spicer getting Mr. Cook to talk with us about damage prevention steps rather than having to face disaster recovery."

During New Brockton town council meeting

Digital change approved for police department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council chose to make some changes to the cellular telephone service for the police department Monday evening, July 2, during its regular scheduled meeting.

In an effort to find a cheaper service plan, Police Chief Jerry Gilbert told council members that he had spoken with several cellular companies concerning plans with weekends and nights off; however, he said it was a digital telephone service company that offered the best value for the town's money.

With the current cellular service, Gilbert said the town is paying a \$155 per month basic fee with anywhere from 1,200 to 1,400 minutes being used each month. Therefore, the cellular bill has been costing more than \$300 per month.

By purchasing two Southern Link digital units, he said the monthly fee would be \$168.90 which includes free nights and weekends with 900 free minutes during the daytime hours.

Gilbert also said there would be a one time initial fee of \$100 added to the monthly fee to get the two units for the department, but he stressed to council members that the additional \$100 was a one-time only fee.

"Most everybody is going to the 800 system which is a digital system," Gilbert said. "I believe this will save us money, and it is a good system."

He said the system would put the police department on the same fleet as the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, as well as Pike County. Also he said he is under the impression that several surrounding cities are in the process of changing over to the digital system.

"We will eventually have to go to it anyway," Gilbert said. "It's cheaper now and will cost us a lot less."

As another added benefit to the digital system, he told council members that this system is strictly a 2-way system and no one will be able to monitor the conversations being conducted.

Council member Jody Stuckey agreed with Gilbert's statement by saying that the digital units cannot be picked up through a scanner, which means if the chief needs to have a private conversation with someone, he can do just that.

"We are going to have to pay someone," Council member Rodger Harrison said. "We might as well pay the cheapest one."

With that statement, he made a motion with a second from Stuckey to allow the police chief to purchase the two units from Southern Link.

Before voting, council member Ron McMonagle said he wanted the department to get the hands-free option as soon as it is available.

"That's a safety feature," he said. "And, we need to be sure

our officers are well-informed to stop when they get phone calls."

After the council approved Harrison's motion, Gilbert told council members he would remove the already existing cellular telephones from the police cars and store them in a secure location for future use if and only if the occasion arises.

In regards to the financial plan, Mayor Charles Cole told council members the town had a total monthly savings of over \$3,000 for the previous month.

He commended the police department for keeping the mileage down on the patrol cars; however, he said tickets have to be turned in within 48 hours so several trips will be required to the courthouse instead of just one to avoid losing tickets because of failure to turn them in within the time allotted.

In his monthly report, Police Chief Gilbert told council members that during the month of June the department had written 20 citations for speeding, four for DUI, one for no driver's license, two for revoked driver's license, one for suspended driver's license, two for a switched tag, one for violation of the seat belt law, five for violation of the insurance law, three for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, one for improper lights

and one for improper use of sirens.

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